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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-28 are allowed. Claim 29 has been cancelled herein. A listing of all pending claims is found at pages 2-7 of this Reply.

Applicant's representative notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-28 are allowed. In order to further the subject application toward issuance, claim 29 has been cancelled herein. Applicant's representative reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claim, and other claims, in a continuation or divisional application upon allowance of the subject application.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

I. Rejection of Claim 29 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schaffstein *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,140,994) in view of Fleming *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,439,759). It is submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Claim 29 has been cancelled herein. Accordingly, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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